

**Ouabache State Park ▪ 4930 East State Road 201 ▪ Bluffton, IN 46714**  
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July 2 – July 6

***Hoosier Quest***  
***11:00 am***  
***Friday at the Lodge,***  
***Saturday, and Sunday at***  
***Campview Shelter***

Connect! Discover! Explore!  
Come to the Campview Shelter to learn more about this exciting new program offered at all state parks. After a brief introduction, we’ll break into groups to start working on the program. Individuals still working on the Park Patch program can join us to finish working toward their Smokey’s Friend, Junior Naturalist, or Hoosier Ecologist patches!

**Wednesday, July 2, 2008**

**9:30 am            Living in a Box**  
We enjoy being able to move about. But what if you had to carry your home on your back? Come to Lakeside Shelter to learn about one turtle that lives in a box!

**7:30 pm            Incredible Edibles**  
Native peoples and pioneers knew what was good to eat, even without a big sign saying EAT ME! Learn what plants are good to eat at the Campview Shelter.

**Thursday, July 3, 2008**

**9:30 am            Aquatic Plants**  
Plants that live in the water are very different from those on land. Meet at Lakeside shelter to learn how they differ and what kinds of plants you might find in Indiana’s waterways.

**8:00 pm            Ouabache Book Club**  
Join Naturalist Kate at the Campview Shelter to discuss the first three chapter of Al Gore’s *Earth in the Balance*. Make sure you pre-register by July 2 by calling 824-0926! Bring your copy of the book.

**Friday, July 4, 2008**

**12:00 – 4:00 pm            Natural Beauty Art Show**  
Check out the great works of art created by several local artists at the Lodge. Photos donated to the park in recent years will also be on display. Wells County watercolor artist Don Skinner will be selling his work as well!

**Throughout the Art Show – Create your own Nature Craft**

Learn how to create you own works of art using seeds, flowers and other things found in nature. We’ll be creating our works of art at the Lodge!

**Saturday, July 5, 2008**

**9:30 am            Bike Decorating Party**  
Decorate your bike for the big Fourth of July Bike Parade. As we decorate, we’ll be checking our bikes for safety. Limited decorating supplies will be available, so bring some of your own! We’ll be meeting in the lawn next to the South Comfort Station, located near Campground B.

**10:00 am            Bike Parade**  
Which bike will be your favorite? Be prepared to cheer for your favorite bike as we parade around Campgrounds A and B.

**1:45 pm            Pool Break – Creature Feature**  
What creature will Naturalist Kate have with her today? Find out on the pool lawn during the pool safety check! Make sure you get your hand stamped so you can get back into the pool!

**8:30 pm            Owls of Ouabache**  
Whooo’s out there? Find out by meeting at Lakeside Shelter. With a little luck, we might just see one of these hunters of the night.

**Sunday, July 6, 2008**

**8:00 am            Church Services**  
Meet on the back patio of the Campview Shelter to worship in the beauty of nature with a local pastor.

**1:45 pm            Pool Break – Make and Take**  
Create something cool to take home during the pool safety check. We’ll be meeting on the pool lawn, so make sure you get your hand stamped so you can get back into the pool!

**\*WANTED! Volunteers to help create the best Fall Festival ever! Individuals are needed to help create games and decorations for the October 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> event. Additionally, individuals are needed to help staff the event. Call Ouabache State Park at 260-824-0926 or email [OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov) to find out how you can help!\***

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**July 9 - 13**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008**

**9:30 am            One Nasty Bite**  
Everybody hates getting bit by this nasty little bug. Learn more about the mosquito and West Nile virus by meeting at the Campview Shelter.

**7:30 pm            Take Over of the Plants**  
Invasive plants out compete our native ones. Learn which ones are here and how to best get rid of them by meeting at Rustic Oak Shelter.

**Thursday, July 10, 2008**

**9:30 am            Howl at the Moon**  
Has the yipping and howling at night given you a little fright? Come learn more about one of the creatures of the night – the coyote! Meet at Campview Shelter

**8:00 pm            Ouabache Book Club**  
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**Friday, July 11, 2008**

**9:30 am            Hop along Toady!**  
Have you ever found a toad around your home? Do you know what kind you found? Learn what toad is what at the Campview shelter. Bring a broken clay pot or plastic container to learn how to make a great house for your amphibian friends!

**8:00 pm            Nature’s Remedies**  
Tylenol, Advil, and Benadryl help many people get through their day, but what did people use for headaches and allergies before these drugs were put in our stores? Find out how the pioneers and Native Americans used the plants they could find to cure common ailments at TrailsEnd Shelter

**Saturday, July 12, 2008**



**9:30 am            Water Waders**  
Sit at the Kunkel Lake for any amount of time and you might see a majestic blue heron. Learn more about the graceful giants that grace our Lake. Meet at Lakeside Shelter.

**1:45 pm            Pool Break – Creature Feature**  
You never know what Naturalist Kate will bring with her today. Meet on the pool lawn to find out. If you’re swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

**8:00 pm            Campfire Story**  
“Little pig, little pig, let me in!” Are you afraid of the big bad wolf? Learn about the wolves, then hear Alexander T. Wolf’s version of this famous fairy tale. After we’ll make a craft for you to take home! Meet at TrailsEnd Shelter.

**Sunday June 13, 2008**

**8:00 am            Church Service**  
Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter’s back patio.

**1:45 pm            Pool Break – Fun in the Sun**  
Meet on the pool lawn for a quickie scavenger hunt. If you’re swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

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**\*REGISTER NOW! Ouabache’s Outdoor Cooking Demonstration will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8 pm. Pre-register for this tasty event by calling 260-824-0926 or emailing OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov. Monetary and pre-packaged food donations will be accepted for this program. Contact Naturalist Kate to find out how to make a donation.\***

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**July 16 – 20**

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**9:30 am            Birding Basics**

Never been birding? Don’t know a Learn the basics of identifying birds and using binoculars by coming to the Rustic Oak Shelter.

**7:30 pm            Evening Bird Hike**

Put your new skills to the test as we search for birds during this forty-five minute hike. Meet at the Boat House. Tennis shoes and bug spray are highly recommended. Bring your binoculars and bird books if you have them!



**Thursday, July 17, 2008**

**9:30 am            Radical Raptor**

Soaring through the sky, they look to be completely free. Learn more about the radical raptors we have here in Indiana by meeting at Campview Shelter.

**8:00 pm            Ouabache Book Club**

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**Friday, July 18, 2008**

**9:30 am            Summer’s Bummers**

They bite. They sting. They make you itch! Find out about the things that can ruin your summer fun and how to ease your discomfort if you should fall prey to these summer bummers. Meet at TrailsEnd Shelter.

**7:30 pm            Roving Interpreter**

Look for Naturalist Kate in the Campground. She’ll be with a really cool find, so make sure you don’t miss her!

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**9:30 am            Cooking Countdown**

The countdown for dinner has begun. Learn about the prep work it takes to create a great dinner. Also learn about the tools of the trade – including how to take care of your cast iron pans! Meet at TrailsEnd Shelter.

**6:30 – 8:00 pm            Outdoor Cooking Demonstration**

Plenty of food will be prepared, so bring your appetites to TrailsEnd Shelter. We’ll be cooking up a storm and there will be some great new recipes for you take home and try for yourself! Bring your family’s favorite cookout recipe to share! Pre-registration for this event is required. Pre-register by July 16<sup>th</sup> by calling 260-824-0926 or emailing [OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov).

**Sunday, July 20, 2008**

**8:00 am            Church Service**

Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter’s back patio.

**1:45 pm            Pool Break – Make and Take**

Create a cool craft during the pool safety check. Meet on the pool lawn. If you’re swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

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**July 23 – 27**

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**9:30 am Sssssnakesssss**  
Some people are terrified of snakes, but they are great for an ecosystem. Learn how why people are terrified and why you want one around! Meet at Campview Shelter.

**7:30 pm Living Green**  
With gas prices and food prices climbing many people are “going green” to try to save money. Learn what you can do to save the earth and your pocketbook by meeting at Campview Shelter!

**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

**9:30 am Fabulous Fish**  
Fried or baked – they sure taste great! But what is life for a fish like before it ends up on your plate? Find out at Lakeside Shelter.

**8:00 pm Ouabache Book Club**  
Join Naturalist Kate at the Campview Shelter to discuss Al Gore’s *Earth in the Balance*. Bring your copy of the book. You can sit in on the discussion even if you haven’t begun reading the book!



**Friday, July 25, 2008**

**9:30 am Damsel and Dragons**

These aerial acrobats amaze us with their talents. Meet at Lakeside Shelter for an hour-long stroll around the Lake to learn more about these amazing insects.

**7:30 pm Wild Weather**  
Thunderstorms, summer heat, and flash floods – common news in Indiana. Meet at the Lakeside Shelter to learn more about the wild weather and how to stay safe while you’re camping or enjoying a day out at the park.

**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

**9:30 am Hoverin’ Hummers**  
Everyone is thrilled to see hummingbirds. Learn more about these amazing little birds and how to attract them to your home! Bring a water bottle with you to learn how to make a great hummingbird feeder after the talk. Meet at Campview Shelter.

**1:45 pm Pool Break – Creature Feature**  
You never know what Naturalist Kate will bring with her today. Meet on the pool lawn to find out. If you’re swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

**7:30 pm 10 Things Kids Can Do**  
Kids can make a difference! Learn 10 things you and your parents (or kids) can do together to make help save the planet! Meet at Campview shelter.

**Sunday, July 27, 2008**

**8:00 am Church Service**  
Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter’s back patio.

**1:45 pm Pool Break – Make and Take**  
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